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4,734,048 to Giebel et al. 5,368,505 to Hoolhorst et al. 5,864,090 to Wright 5,941,741 to Dobbelaere et al. 6,019,627 to Embo et al. 6,030,237 to Roth 6,033,262 to Heimueller et al. 6,057,510 to Acke 6,145,192 to Moyaert et al. 6,149,460 to Straeb et al. 6,200,162 B1 to Aoyama et al. 6,206,727 B1 to Aoyama et al. 6,210,223 B1 to Aoyama et al.

The above-identified reference(s) are listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 and copies are also enclosed herewith.

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